

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TOKYO 14991 160733Z

21

ACTION A-01

INFO OCT-01 EA-06 ISO-00 CCO-00 SSO-00 OPR-01 SP-02 SAM-01

SY-04 PRS-01 SS-15 CPR-01 NSC-05 RSC-01 /039 W

----- 000474

O 160705Z NOV 74

FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6067

INFO WHITE HOUSE IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 14991

WHITE HOUSE FOR HENKEL

DEPT FOR "A"

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD R.), PFOR, JA

SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: CALL BY TOKYO GOVERNOR MINOBE

1. JAPANESE PRESS NOVEMBER 15 REPORTS TOKYO GOVERNOR MINOBE DECLARED HE WILL ASK FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S COMMENT ON ALLEGED EXISTENCE IN JAPAN OF US NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHEN HE PAYS COURTESY CALL NOVEMBER 19. GOVERNOR SAID HE WILL CANDIDLY TELL PRESIDENT FORD ABOUT JAPANESE PEOPLE'S ANXIETY AND DOUBTS ABOUT QUESTION OF BRINGING NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO JAPAN. REPORT STATED MINOBE WILL ASK PRESIDENT TO CLARIFY LA ROCQUE TESTIMONY.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORT FONOFF "PUZZLED" AT TOKYO GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT, MAINTAINING MINOBE A "PRUDENT MAN" WHO "KNOWS HOW TO BEHAVE TOWARD A US PRESIDENT." FONOFF OFFICIALS TOLD PRESS THAT GENERAL INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE IS IS TO REFRAIN FROM MENTIONING POLITICAL SUBJECTS DURING COURTESY CALL.

3. COMMENT: FOREIGN OFFICE (OKAWARA) HAS COMMENTED TO DCM THAT MINOBE IS A POLITICIAN AND THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT HE WILL AVOID SUBSTANCE DURING HIS CALL. IN FACT,  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TOKYO 14991 160733Z

EMBASSY FEELS IT QUITE LIKELY THAT HE WILL RAISE SUBJECT

IF ONLY TO BE ABLE TO TELL HIS CONSTITUENTS THAT HE  
HAD DONE SO. EMBASSY ESTIMATE IS THAT HE WILL DESCRIBE  
JAPANESE PEOPLE'S STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS.  
ALL THAT PRESIDENT NEED SAY IN REPLY IS THAT HE UNDERSTANDS  
THESE ANXIETIES, AND LEAVE IT AT THAT.  
HODGSON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRESS COMMENTS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, NUCLEAR WEAPONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 16 NOV 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** cunninfx  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974TOKYO14991  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740331-0854  
**From:** TOKYO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19741136/aaaabemi.tel  
**Line Count:** 67  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION A  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** cunninfx  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 07 MAY 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <07 MAY 2002 by garlanwa>; APPROVED <20 MAR 2003 by cunninfx>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: CALL BY TOKYO GOVERNOR MINOBE  
**TAGS:** OVIP, PFOR, JA, (FORD, GERALD R), (MINOBE)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005